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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 59 (MAY 13, 1977)

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE 59TH MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS  
FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 121700Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS  
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. DDN HAS UP-DATED ITS ESTIMATE OF THE DISPOSITION OF HOSTILE FORCES, BASED ON POW INTERROGATION REPORTS, VISUAL RECON, AND MONITORED HOSTILE MESSAGES:

A) VICINITY OF KAPANGA ARE THREE HOSTILE COMPANIES OF 120 MEN EACH, ONE SOUTH, ONE EAST, AND ONE WEST OF KAPANGA.

2) VICINITY OF SANDOA ARE FIVE HOSTILE COMPANIES, FOUR TO THE EAST OF SANDOA AS FAR AS SALIMI (0925S/2335E), AND ONE SOUTH OF SANDOA AT SANGALA (0945S/2249E).

3) KASAJI-DILOLO AXIS HAS TWO HOSTILE BATTALIONS, WITH ONE PLATOON AT LUASHI (1055S/2336E), AND ONE COMPANY DEPLOYED BETWEEN KASAJI AND LUASHI. TOTAL HOSTILE FORCE IN THIS SUB-SECTOR IS 9 COMPANIES.

4) HOSTILE FORCES COMMAND POST IS NOW AT DILOLO (1028S/2228E).

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. ALTHOUGH LEAD FAZ ELEMENTS DID REACH KASAJI (1022S/2327E) ON 11 MAY, THE TOWN WAS NOT REOCCUPIED COMPLETELY UNTIL 120700Z MAY. ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI FAZ ENCOUNTERED NO RESISTANCE AND MOBUTU DIRECTED BOMBARDMENT OF VILLAGE.

B. HOSTILE MINES CONTINUE TO SLOW THE ADVANCE BOTH ON THE KASAJI-DILOLO AXIS AND NORTH OF KAPANGA.

C. DDN HAS NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE INFLATABLE BOATS FOR THE CROSSING OF THE LULUA RIVER NEAR KAPANGA.

D. DESPITE TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ZAIRIAN CAPITAL TO KOLWEZI, DDN WILL REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN KINSHASA, AS WILL MG BABIA.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT.

5. AIR: NO AIR ACTIVITY REPORT AVAILABLE AT DDN.

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6. DOMESTIC PRESS: BOTH KINSHASA'S DAILIES; "ELIMA"; AND "SALONGO" GIVE BANNER TREATMENT TO THE FALL OF KASAJI. FOLLOWING ARTICLES CLAIM KASAJI FELL WITH "NO APPARENT RESISTANCE" AFTER INTENSIVE AERIAL BOMBARDMENT. THE "DAY IN THE LIFE OF GUIDE" STORY IS RERUN IN BOTH PAPERS. "SALONGO" GIVES A GREAT DEAL OF COVERAGE TO MOBUTU AT THE FRONT. "ELIMA'S" SECONDARY LEAD STORY IS A REPORT ON MOBUTU'S TALK WITH THE RWANDAN FOMIN. PROMINENT PLAY IS GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT THE FOMIN ECHOED GOZ LINE ON THE INVASION. IN "BULLETIN FROM ABROAD", A FREQUENT "ELIMA" FEATURE, A NEGATIVE DESCRIPTION IS GIVEN TO SOVIET ACTS AND INTENTIONS IN THE WORLD. THE STORY WRAPS-UP WITH A POINTED ATTACK ON USSR'S ROLE IN THE DESTABILIZATION OF THE THIRD WORLD. EDITORIALS IN THE PAPERS ARE LOW KEY, STANDARD PRAISE FOR THE GUIDE. THEY ALSO TOUCH ON THE GOZ'S VIEW OF THE SHABAN INVASION.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. KAMINA: NO REPORTED CHANGE.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: LT. COLONEL NSEKALIJE, FOREIGN MINISTER OF RWANDA, MET WITH MOBUTU IN KOLWEZI, FOR THIRTY MINUTES MAY 12. NSEKALIJE REPORTEDLY CARRIED A MESSAGE FOR MOBUTU FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA (SITREP 57), PRESUMABLY DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN SHABA ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTS HAVE GIVEN NO CLUES AS TO ITS ACTUAL NATURE. BEFORE GOING TO SHABA, NSEKALIJE HAD A TWO HOUR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA ON MAY 11 IN KINSHASA.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO REPORTED CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS IN OCCUPIED AREAS.

10. UNLESS THERE ARE RADICAL CHANGES THERE WILL BE NO SITREP, MAY 14. WALKER

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